

## EDITORIAL

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 27 and 28, Monday and Tuesday. The Secretary's Annual Letter will be distributed in the fall, giving such information as is then available. In the meantime Mr. S. E. Perkins III, as Chairman of the Local Committee, has sent us the following advance announcements.

We have received word from the National Offices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that the English Hotel has been assigned as our headquarters, and that the Columbia Club, one-half square away, and also on Monument Circle, has been assigned for our program sessions. These locations are in the very heart of the city, and are accessible to the meeting places of other groups by bus from Monument Circle. The English Hotel is due north, and about four blocks from the Union Railway Station. Both the English Hotel and the Columbia Club face the 300-foot Memorial Monument to the Civil War Veterans.

Indianapolis is known as the "Crossroads of America". The home of Benjamin Harrison, former United States President, is located at Delaware and Thirteenth Street, and is now being remodeled as a shrine. Indianapolis was the long-time home of James Whitcomb Riley, and is his burial place; and the home of Kin Hubbard (Abe Martin), and his burial place. It is the home of Newton Booth Tarkington; Dr. Stanley Coulter, Dean Emeritus of Purdue University, author of many works on botany; of Dr. Willis S. Blatchley, world renowned entomologist, and author, among other things, of the "Colcoptera of Indiana"; and of Dr. Amos W. Butler, dean of Indiana ornithologists and author of "The Birds of Indiana". And it is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Dr. Butler, at his home, on August 5, 1937, at the age of seventy-six years. His presence at our coming annual meeting would have made it memorable for all in attendance.

There are several reasons for expecting that our 1937 meeting will surpass all previous ones. The central location of Indianapolis with respect to our membership population will assure an unusually good attendance. Plan to attend this meeting and enjoy the stimulation, the fraternity, and the instruction which it invariably affords.

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WE CAN NOT BE SURE that many of our members and readers will be able to attend the International Ornithological Congress in Europe; but they may wish to keep informed. Therefore, we are glad to print the following announcement from the Secretary of the Congress, Mr. Jean Delacour, and which has been transmitted to us by Dr. A. Wetmore, American member of the Executive Committee.

The Committee charged with arrangements for the Ninth International Ornithological Congress announces that the meetings will open in Rouen, France, on May 9, 1938. The Congress will be organized in four sections, as follows:

1. Taxonomy and Zoögeography.
2. Anatomy, Physiology, Palaeontology, and Embryology.
3. Biology (including Ethology, Genetics, Migration, and related studies).
4. Applied Ornithology.

During the course of the meetings there will be excursions to points of interest in and near Rouen, to Clères, and to the Forest of Brotonne and the Valley of the Seine. May 14 and 15 will be devoted to a visit to the Natural History Museum and related institutions in Paris, while an excursion to the Camargue from May 16 to 19 will give opportunity to view the varied avifauna of that well known area.

Those who expect to attend the sessions should notify the Secretary of the Congress, Mr. J. Delacour, at Clères, Seine Inferieure, France, well in advance. If it is desired to present papers he should be advised as to the title and length, stating whether or not there will be illustrations by lantern slides or motion pictures (giving sizes of slides or films). There will be a fee of 100 francs gold assessed against all persons in attendance.

The Provisional Program of the Ninth International Congress has been received since the above paragraphs were prepared, and space permits the reproduction of the greater part. The President will be Professor A. Ghigi, of the University of Bologna.

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### Monday, May 9th

- 9—12 Registration of members of Congress at the Secretariat.
- 11.00 Meetings of the International Ornithological Committee.
- 14.30 Opening of the Congress at Town Hall.
- 17.00 Reception at Town Hall.
- 18.00 Excursion: La Corniche de Rouen. Bonsecours.

##### Tuesday, May 10th

- 10.00—Presidential Address.
- 10.40—12.30 General Meeting.
- 14.00—17.00 Meetings of Sections.
- 17.00—18.30 Visit to the Natural History Museum.
- 21.00 Soirée at Theatre des Arts.

##### Wednesday, May 11th

- 10.00—12.30 Meetings of Sections.
- 14.00 Excursion to Clères.

##### Thursday, May 12th

- 9.00 Long Excursion in the Valley of the Seine. Lunch at Caudebec-en-Caux. Forest of Brotonne, Manny, Roches d'Orival.
- 20.00 Banquet.

##### Friday, May 13th

- 10.00—12.30 Meetings of Sections.
- 14.00—17.30 Meetings of Sections.
- 20.30 Meeting of the International Ornithological Committee.
- 21.30 General Meeting in the Town Hall.
- Close of the Congress.

#### PARIS

##### Saturday and Sunday

##### May 14th and 15th

Visit and reception at the Museum and to establishments associated therewith.

##### Monday to Thursday

##### May 16th to 19th

Long Excursion to the Carmargue.

N.B.—Visits to Monuments and Museums in Rouen, conducted by representatives of scientific and art societies, will be organized during the hours not occupied by the Meetings and Excursions of the Congress.

Conforming with the desire of the Permanent International Ornithological Committee expressed at the last Congress, it is proposed that questions concerning the PROTECTION OF BIRDS be dealt with during the Meetings of the International Committee for Bird Preservation which will take place in Rouen immediately before the opening of the Congress, on the 6th and 7th of May, 1938.

The Resolutions adopted and the proposals put forward will then be presented for the approval of the Congress at the final General Meeting.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Those who wish to give papers must send intimation to the Secretary by January 31st, 1938, giving the following information:

- (1) Title of paper, with number of typed pages and approximate time required.
- (2) Section for which it is intended.
- (3) Whether illustrated by lantern slides, films, or photographs and prints. (Size of lantern slides must be given and full details of film, i. e. whether flam. or non-flam., size, and length). An epidiascope will be provided.

All manuscript must be handed in before the close of the Congress or it will not be included in the Proceedings.

#### MEMBERSHIP

In addition to representatives of Governments, Museums, Scientific Societies, etc., all persons interested in ornithology will be welcome as members of the Congress. The fee for each member is £1 and if accompanied by a lady 10/- extra.

Names and addresses of those wishing to become members of the Congress should be sent to the Secretary as early as possible in order to receive the final programme with full information concerning hotels, excursions, etc.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary:

Monsieur Jean Delacour,  
Chateau de Clères,  
Clères,  
Seine Inférieure  
France

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THE WILSON BULLETIN is glad to present in this issue a most complete and painstaking field study of the Oven-bird. In doing so we depart from our policy of offering a variety of subject-matter in every issue. A long article to occupy the entire number of the magazine is a distinct innovation, and we will be glad to know what our readers' reactions are. Will you tell us whether you approve or disapprove of the longer articles?